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Applicant(s): Dolores M. Berger et al.				
Serial No. 09/394,006	Filing Date Sept. 10, 1999	Examiner B. Forman	Group Art Unit 1655	

Invention: **COMPOSITION FOR PROVIDING LONG-TERM STABILITY TO CELLS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

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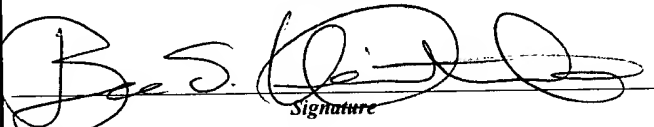
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of August 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 9 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (2x Amended) A composition for stabilizing the structure and nucleic acids of at least one cell, said composition being comprised of:
- (a) a first substance capable of precipitating or denaturing proteins, comprising at least one alcohol or ketone whose concentration is less than 80% of the total composition; and

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